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A TIRED SOUL

Far in the distance no setting sun,
A tired soul, its race has run,
To be with Christ, God's only Son,
And wear the crown that it has won.

As time goes on this tabernacle God shall rend,
There is a hope on which you may depend;
A living Christ, your only friend,
Will be with you always, unto the end.

Our troubles and trials will then be gone,
We'll sing redemption's song, amid the
blood-washed throng,
Angels with folded wings will stand at attention,
And hear the saints sing, "Saved through
His redemption."

And when we reach that peaceful shore,
We shall rest with Christ for evermore;
We'll walk with Him, so I am told,
A street that's made of purest gold.

Therefore let us do our best
To be true to what we profess;
Every day for God's holiness stand,
Until we reach the promised land.

Composed by Frederick Harbron, deceased Dec. 1, 1942.—Rev. C. G. Carder, pastor,
Pontiac, Michigan

*"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:29.*

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Heb. 4:9.

Notes

from my letters

by J. H. Walker, Gen'l Overseer



TELEGRAM:

Holy Ghost broadcasting revival, Sanford, fourth week. Forty-three saved, thirty-five sanctified, thirty-five filled with Holy Ghost. S. C. Chambers on firing line. A. Padgett, pastor.—Joseph Allen, reporter, Sanford, North Carolina.

TELEGRAM:

We came to Tulare, California, after the Assembly. Have paid off the church debt of \$175, also have spent \$125 on improvements, have put in curb and sidewalk. The church is going good.—Fred and Lucille Litton.

TELEGRAM:

Dear Brother Walker: Thought you would be glad to know that we are in one of the best revivals I have been in, with Rev. J. R. Davis, of Calhoun, Georgia. Numbers are being saved and receiving the Baptism every night.—T. C. Messer, pastor, Flint, Michigan.

TELEGRAM:

First convention great success. Crowds good. Preaching excellent. Mission offering \$342 compared to \$100 of last year. A. W. Brummett, district overseer.—W. E. Johnson, overseer of Virginia.

TELEGRAM:

Wilmington, North Carolina, district convention great success. Fellowship and cooperation 100 per cent. Mission offering \$450.—H. L. Chesser, state overseer; V. D. Combs, district overseer.

TELEGRAM:

The church at Crisfield, Maryland, went over the top last night in the service dedicated to missions; offering, \$305 cash.—Rev. C. H. Shaw.

Brother T. L. Phillips, pastor of the Dividing Ridge (Tennessee) church, was in the office and reports twenty additions to the church this Assembly year and good finances at his church. He is at this time conducting a revival at the Kinser church, of which Brother Cordell Ellis is pastor.

"I am now in meetings in Richmond, two stations west of Fox Valley. The gospel by the Church of God

has never been preached here before.

"As many as eighty have been coming to the meeting, some driving with team and sled as far as twelve miles. So far none have been saved. Altar calls are something the people have never seen, as for the most of them in these parts. We are receiving good cooperation from some of the ministers. Their people are coming to the meetings and helping to promote the revival. Our radio program is coming along fine in receiving support from outside listeners. We are thinking of extending the time on the air.

"May God bless you and the great Church of God. We know you are behind us in every way.—Yours for souls, William Pospisil, Sask., Canada.

We just closed our district meeting here at my church Sunday, and we went over the top in everything—\$542 for the Orphanage and over \$120 for missions. I have purchased nearly \$2,000 in furniture since the Assembly; that is, we have furnished a parsonage, all paid for. The Lord has helped us. Just placed an order for \$900 worth of new pews, that is, factory-made. We are letting a contract for cellotexting the interior of our church, also for building new steps, which will run close to \$850.—J. T. Roberts, Anderson, South Carolina.

I thought I would let you know that God is still blessing our efforts out here. We paid off our church indebtedness about a month ago. Thank the Lord for His goodness to me. We have just closed our district convention here, the best we have ever had in Houston. We raised \$60 for the orphans, \$20.50 for the state overseer, and \$209 for missions, making a total of \$289.50 raised during the convention. Last year we raised \$22.50 for the orphans and \$75.75 for missions. Thank the Lord for the increase. Also, we have had an increase of twenty-four members in the past five months. Everything looks fair for a prosperous year in the Lord.—W. F. Ainsworth, Houston, Texas.

Dear Brother Walker and all the Church: I am in the Army and ready to go overseas, and I am writing this

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Notices

Important Notice

It will be next to impossible to get tents this year. Rev. L. P. Shaw, Box 248, Valdosta, Ga., has three for sale. Anyone interested write him at once.

WANTED: A new tent. — Newton Ward, Box 924, Beckley, W. Va.

Special Notice

The date of the Florida camp meeting has been changed to June 2-11 and the state convention has been changed to June 9-11.

Anyone having relatives or friends living in and around Granite City, Ill., and you think they would go to church, I would appreciate knowing about it.—Rev. Alonzo Hartgraves, 1437a Madison Ave., Phone Tri-City 2160-W, Granite City, Ill.

Announcement

The Arizona state convention and camp meeting will convene at S. 6th and Gray Streets, Phoenix.

Camp meeting begins March 21. Rev. A. L. Burroughs, overseer of Arkansas, will be guest speaker at the camp meeting.

Convention begins April 2 and ends the 4th. Rev. Earl P. Paulk will be with us for the convention, also Rev. M. P. Cross.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this convention and camp meeting, and help us enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

Out-of-state ministers, members, and friends will find a hearty welcome.—C. C. Rains, State Overseer.

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A Lieutenant's Miraculous Escape From Death

Chapel News, Jacksonville, Ill.,
Jan. 15, '43.

(Note: Herewith is presented a letter from a lieutenant in the United States Army in some far-off battle front to his sister in Pennsylvania. The original is in possession of Rev. Ray B. White, of Zaraphath, New Jersey.)—The Editor.

A LETTER FROM A SOLDIER

The Wilds of Nowhere
The Land of Death and Destruction
Received September 3, 1942.

Dear Sis:

In writing this letter to you, I don't know where to start first. So many things have happened since last I wrote. Well, to begin with, I have escaped death at the hand of an enemy in a way so amazing I am still in a daze. You remember I told you when I knew I was going over, I was going over armed with the Bible? . . . That Bible is the reason I am still here and able to write this letter to all America . . .

Here is the story: My buddy and I were sent out on duty with our equipment in the work I told you before was our job. We had just received information, the most important for weeks, when we were discovered by the enemy. I gave my buddy the information we had collected, told him to beat it with it, prepared myself to face them. It was the first time I'd been faced with the necessity of pointing my gun at a man and blasting the life from his miserable body. I thought fast. Then I said, "Lord, it's Your responsibility now." My buddy had not obeyed my order. He had no such scruples. As I reached for my carbine, a shot from one of them struck me in the breast and blasted me down. Thinking I was dead, my pal jumped for me, grabbed my carbine as well as his own, stood astride my body, blasting away with both guns. He was blasted to his knees with three bullet wounds, but when he finished, there was not a one of them left. He was amazed when I rolled over and tried to get up. The force of that bullet had only stunned me. Dazedly, I wondered why. I pulled that little Bible out of my pocket and in utter muteness looked at the ugly hole in the cover . . . It had ripped through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, on through the Pentateuch, on through the other books, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, and kept going. Where do you

think it stopped? In the middle of Psalm 91, pointing like a finger at this verse: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." Sis, when I read that verse it raised me three feet off the ground. I did not know there was such a verse in the Bible. I'd been reading mostly in the New Testament. I read the rest of that chapter—the first part was ripped apart. In utter humility I said, "Thank you, precious God," and felt like a little boy that had escaped the mouth of an enemy of prey . . .

When I got my buddy back to the post, he said, "Lute (he calls me Lute), I've had enough. This convinces me. Come on—I want to get right with God, starting right now." He wouldn't let them tend his wounds. He said, "Nothing matters now but this." He stayed on his knees sixteen hours with three wounds. His body became so numb he couldn't move it. But he would not give up. When the Lord finally came in, *he moved!* That soldier went crazy for God. He jumped over chairs (I mean boxes). He jumped over bunks. He even ran outside and shouted to the whole camp.

Since I've given my heart to God, and talk with the boys, hold meetings and pray with them, God has given me twenty-five souls. Twenty-five of my buddies have prayed through and come out for God. God even gave me my general. It took a long time. He was so dignified. But God told me to go after him. I stuck on his trail until he was grounded and came through. The Spirit of God hovered over that tent with a sort of glimmering golden haze. I tell you, Sis, prayer is going to win this war—not guns alone. Fervent, agonizing prayer I know is. God is bringing them in one by one. The whole company will be a company of praying men. God has promised them to me, given me assurance. Think of it, 120 praying men and one general in one regiment! When that happens this unit will be unconquerable. Pray, Sis. Pray as you never prayed before. Tell everyone to pray. Tell all America to go to its knees.

Before each decisive victory anywhere over here, sometimes for hours, sometimes for days, there has been a feeling of people praying far away. The feeling is so strong, you can hear. One of the men, the most stub-

born of them, said in the stillness of the night, "God! did you hear anything? Sounded like people praying from some distant place. Must be hearing things in this dead place."

So, pray, everyone. It will have to come from afar. No one prays in this land of utter desolation. God has turned His face away from the horror and destruction man has brought on himself.

Again, I plead, tell America to pray! This war will not end until nations and people have paid in blood and tears for thrusting God out of their hearts, out of their nations, out of their lands. And tell them for God's sake to send Bibles, and more Bibles, and more Bibles! A Bible will give him the confidence that God is with him. I'd like to have this letter broadcast from every radio station in America. Try to get it on the air, in the papers, in anything that is printed. Make copies of it. Send it from coast to coast. Tell them the Army wants prayers and Bibles.

And you complacent, bridge-playing, fox-trotting, cocktail-drinking mothers, why didn't you teach your sons about God instead of handing them a cigarette, a cocktail glass and a dance program! Get on your knees and ask God to forgive your sins. Then pray for the Army—pray, pray, pray! And you great, dignified preachers! Why didn't you teach your people to pray? To follow God instead of standing before them in your silken robes and reading them a ritual. Only atonement for sin can stop the shelling, the killing, the murdering. Even the shells that come whizzing through the air scream only one word—"Atonement!"

. . . I could go on, but I am so tired, so weary. But in all so happy to see them coming to God one by one. So tell them to pray, atone for sin, and keep praying. And when you send things to your boys, send Bibles. They want Bibles.

Your loving brother,

LIEUTENANT

—Pilgrim Tract Society,
Randleman, N. C.

Revivals

RAVIA, Okla.—Our meeting was conducted by Brother Andrew Vance, of Chickasha, Okla. Several were reclaimed, four sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Our pastor is Brother Moore.—Mary Pierce.

Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Australia

with the very small population of 7,000,000, has a very remarkable church membership aggregating say three-fourths of the entire population. There are two and one-half million of the Church of England and a million and a quarter Roman Catholics. The Presbyterians have 713,000; the Methodist 684,000, and the Baptist 105,000, as reported in census of 1933.

Bombs on Britain

The editor of *The Christian*, London, England, reports that, according to an official report recently published, during air raids on Britain there were 190,000 high explosive bombs dropped. There were additional millions of incendiaries dropped on cities and villages up to and including 1941. There were 44,000 civilians killed and another 50,000 seriously injured.

Evangel

It is both encouraging and gratifying to note the increase of the Evangel. We will cross 25,000 strongly this printing. Five hundred subscriptions have come down during the last three days. The state overseers, pastors, and evangelists are doing excellent work. Your loyal and faithful efforts are praiseworthy and will bring blessings to many readers. The price, if you have noticed, has been reduced to \$1.00 for a single subscription. May the Lord bless everyone of you.

Shoe Ration

The shoe production this year is expected to reach 300,000,000 pairs as against 440,000,000 pairs last year. Infants' soft-sole shoes are not rationed. I presume this is suggestive. House shoes are not, so far, rationed. I suppose this is an invitation for parents to stay at home more. Colors and styles are rationed. Soling of shoes is not affected. Well, thank God, we can still have our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (gospel shoes). In taking away worldly styles and goods, people will be inclined to think more of the vital things of life.

Ministers' Prayer Conference

The use of the word "conference" is one of long standing, and varying in its purposes. However, when it comes to a "ministers' prayer conference," that is something almost new, though not entirely. At any rate, A. V. Beaubé, overseer of Georgia, on

January 14-16 called a ministers' prayer conference in Atlanta, Ga. The purpose in the main was "prayer," to place emphasis on communion with God. That is unusual. I was privileged to attend the closing service. These are the remarks I heard: "God certainly was with us." "It was like heaven." "About everybody was shouting." Conferences are not popular nowadays, but somehow I believe if any conference would be tolerated it would be a "prayer conference." The purpose: incident to spiritual blessing. Result: unpredictable, but certain to be gratifying. You can't go wrong if you try it.

War Cost

The cost of the war to date is \$400,000,000,000, according to an estimate of the United States Department of Commerce, which adds that the cost may exceed \$500,000,000,000. Since Hitler came to power, Germany is reported to have spent \$100,000,000,000; Italy \$8,000,000,000; the United States, so far, about \$115,000,000,000; Britain, \$58,000,000,000; Russia, \$96,000,000,000; France, since 1932, \$10,100,000,000; Canada, since 1939, \$4,814,000,000; Australia, since 1939, \$1,760,000,000; New Zealand, since 1939, \$319,000,000; South Africa, since 1939, \$541,000,000; Poland, 1933-1939, \$2,660,000,000; Netherlands, \$889,000,000; Belgium, 1933-40, \$3,400,000,000; Norway, 1936-40, \$93,000,000; Yugoslavia, 1938-40, \$220,000,000; Greece, 1937-41, \$165,000,000; Czechoslovakia, 1933-39, \$1,500,000,000; conquered lands, \$1,000,000,000,000. If these gigantic amounts had been spent in the spread of the gospel and charitable work, all mankind would have had plenty and universal brotherhood could have almost been established.

One Bible for 200 People

This is a caption reported through *The Faithful Word—National Bible Society*, Scotland. The report reads as follows:

A single Bible was left by a colporteur in a little village of eastern Poland. Converted through reading it, the recipient passed it on to others, and two hundred more became believers. On revisiting the town some years afterwards, the colporteur found a group of interested people, and they gathered to worship.

Instead of the customary testimonies by members of the congregation, the visitor suggested that verses of Scripture should be recited. One man arose and inquired: "Perhaps we have misunderstood. Did you mean

verses or chapters?" "Do you mean to say that there are people here who can recite chapters of the Bible?" the colporteur asked in astonishment. The villagers had memorized not only chapters, but whole books of the Bible. Thirteen knew Matthew and Luke and half of Genesis. One had committed all the Psalms to memory. The two hundred villagers together knew practically the entire Bible.

The villagers explained: "We must, for this copy of the Bible may be lost or taken away, and where should we get another?" The Book had been passed from family to family and had become so worn with use that its pages were hardly legible. May Poland yet have more such Bibles.

Languages of Varied Groups

The United Presbyterian reports that the Bureau of Information has published the following relative to other nationalities in the United States:

English is listed as the mother tongue of 93,049,640 of the 118,393,040 white population. Most of those whose mother tongue is other than English were foreign born, while others are their children brought up where the foreign language is the language of the home. German is the mother tongue of 4,949,780. This is the largest group of foreign language residents of the United States. Other groups important because of their numbers are: Italian, 3,765,820; Polish, 2,416,320; Spanish, 1,861,400; Yiddish, 1,751,100; French, 1,412,060. The Spanish-speaking residents are mostly of Mexican origin and are concentrated in the Southwestern States, while French Canadians and Louisianians of French descent account for most of those speaking French.

The Census Bureau notes that foreign-born persons declined in number in the decade between 1930 and 1940, and that nearly 53 per cent of their children—the second generation—report English as their mother tongue in 1940, as compared with only about 30 per cent 20 years ago in 1920. Thus it appears that immigrants of a foreign mother tongue are less inclined than formerly to use it in their homes and thus teach it to their children.

Think It Over

Two ministers' wives were sitting on the veranda of a Canadian house chatting to each other as they mended their husbands' trousers. "I can't understand," said one of them, "why your church is always prosperous, while ours is not." "Well," said the other wife, "if you were an observant person, you would have noticed that I am patching these trousers on the knees while you were putting patches on the seat!" The rest was understood!—*Christian Digest*.

Reward for Fasting

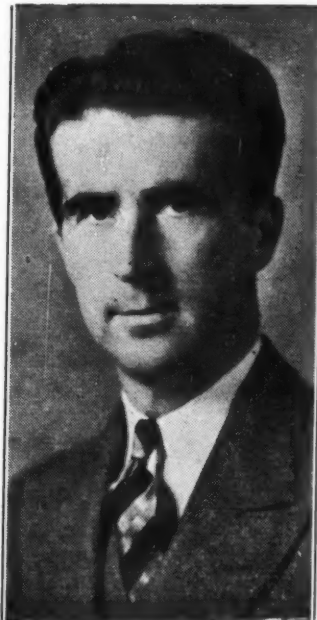
BY A. H. BATTS

Text: Matt. 9:15, "Then shall they fast."

SOME asked Jesus why His disciples didn't fast. Jesus said, "Because I am with them. But when I am taken away, then shall they fast." In Matt. 6:16 Jesus tells how to fast and how to look while we are fasting, and unless we fast on this order we have our reward, says Jesus; but if we follow His way He makes it plain that we will have a reward laid up in heaven where there will be no thieves nor moths.

There are certain riches to be had that come only through fasting and prayer; there are certain victories to be won only through prayer and fasting; there are certain devils that only prayer and fasting will move. Mark 9:29, "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." If in your home there is a loved one whose heart is hardened by the devil and you would like to see him saved, go before God in earnest prayer and fasting. Jesus said, "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." Yes, my dear friend, Jesus fasted as high as forty days at one time. History states He did it in order to gain victory over the devil, and, thanks be to God, He gained that victory, and God anointed Him with power to preach the gospel. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for he hath anointed me to preach the gospel." And the people were amazed at the gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth.

Many will boast about how fat they are, how much they weigh, while Jesus testifies of how lean He was by fasting. Psalm 109:24, "My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh falleth of fatness"—lean in body and weak in knees, but strong in the Spirit, with gracious words proceeding out of His mouth. Would you like to be a greater blessing to the cause of Christ, but your heart is hard, you feel cold and indifferent, can't pray through, don't enjoy reading the blessed Word of God? Well, then, the only remedy is a deeper consecration, and this will come when you sanctify a fast (Joel 2:15), which means set aside a certain period of time to fast. Don't make the period too long the first time, for in your temptation you might break your vow, as there is real suffering in fasting. But through the suffering of the body the soul is affected. It is true when you fast you will have the headache and feel weak and faint, but it humbles your spirit. You will think of Jesus and His suf-



fering; a tear will come in your eyes. I get mighty close to heaven in my tears. Humble your heart before God and He will lift you up. How then shall I humble my heart? Like Jesus did, in Psalms 35:13, "I humbled my soul with fasting." Through fasting and suffering Jesus was humbled and learned the lesson of obedience. Heb. 5:7, 8, "Who in the days of his flesh, . . . offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he was a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."

Who will answer the roaring giant? Who will challenge the flesh? Who will dare take upon you the ministry of this suffering? Did I hear someone say, "Here am I, send me"? Go thou and God go with thee and bless thee and may you return with joy bringing in the sheaves.

Some will say, "I am waiting for God to lay the fast on me," but these seldom ever fast. We have no such teaching in the Bible, that God will lay a fast on any one. Paul fasted often, Jesus fasted at different times, and said, "My disciples will fast." In the days of Esther war was declared on the Jews. Esther (not God) called for a three days' fast for victory. The enemy was hanged on the gallows built for a Jew, and peace was declared in favor of the Jews. Oh, my

dear friends, it does pay to fast and pray.

In the ministry of Jonah many thousands were saved because they believed the message of God and went on their knees in fasting and prayer. The king of Nineveh called this fast. It lasted three days and nights, but it paid.

In the days of Daniel there were many perplexing problems, hard sentences, dreams, visions, handwriting on the wall, prophecies, etc., that only a man close to God could comprehend. So this man, Daniel, separated himself from the dainties and the drinks of his day that were questionable and set his heart to seek God by fasting and prayer. This fast lasted twenty-one days. The angel of God came down and said, "O Daniel, I am come to give you skill and understanding"—a man greatly beloved. Do you have perplexing problems? Try fasting and prayer. Do you need a revival? Try fasting and prayer. Would you like to see the war cease? Join in the fasting and prayer for the coming of Jesus, then it will cease, with peace on earth and good will toward man. Prayer changes things. Well, then, let's have a change. I think a change would help.

Would you like to have the blessed Holy Ghost? Well, fast and pray. The first people we have any record of fasted about seven days. Under the law, from the slaying of the Lamb to Pentecost, it was fifty days. Jesus was in the grave three days, seen on earth forty, and seven would be fifty, so you see the one hundred and twenty who received the Holy Ghost stayed in the upper room fasting and praying seven days.

Paul fasted three days and nights and received the blessing. Cornelius desired the blessing. He prayed to God always and gave much money to the needy, but one day he tried fasting with giving and praying and this very day, about three in the afternoon, the angel of the Lord came down and said, "Cornelius, your prayer is heard; send for the preacher." The preacher came and preached a gospel message. The power fell and they received the Holy Ghost, "for we heard them speak with tongues." AMEN.

In one church where I pastored a man had been seeking the blessing over two years. One Thursday morning he decided to fast for the Holy Ghost. The following Saturday night about eleven-thirty he received the blessing.

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Our Lord's Warning of His Return

Text: Mark 13:33, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."

THERE is not anything more important nor more desirable for the Christian man or woman to be doing today, than to be on the alert, on guard, on the lookout, for deceivers of all kinds are seeking to mislead and destroy the people of God.

It does not seem that they work so hard with the unsaved as they do with the converted, trying to get them to change their mode of worship by pointing out to them a more popular way, saying they should not give themselves to too much impulse of the power of God. Paul points out the matter so plainly when he said the gospel was not preached with enticing words of man's wisdom but by power and in demonstration of the Spirit. And again, "Quench not the Spirit, despise not prophesying." The deceivers have their weapons drawn and pointed on the holiness people beyond any other class of professed Christians today. They are even right among us, preaching and claiming they are holiness and walking after their own pernicious ways; of whom the way of TRUTH is (shall be) evil spoken of. 2 Peter 2:2. These people will persecute the rest of the family of God for having Sunday School, Y.P.E. and L.W.W.B. or any other helps that are so vital in carrying on the work of the church to defray expenses, even bringing into the assembly new and strange doctrines, trying to deceive by saying that we are not yet standing on the apostles' doctrine as laid down in the Bible.

Right here I just want to relate an incident that occurred in the latter part of March, 1942. I conducted a revival out in the country with several conversions and among them a woman from a mining camp several miles away was converted the first night she came to the altar. She was baptized in water on Easter Sunday and returned to her home rejoicing. She did not have the privilege to tarry for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and after returning to her home, the deceiver took advantage of this precious child of God and told her if she was not baptized in the name of Jesus she never would get the Holy Ghost. This woman was downhearted and sad, but I told her it was just a trick of the devil, and that he had many tricks to play. In most cases he holds the trump card, too; what I mean by this is, he has scripture for his arguments, but he does not rightly divide the truth.

J. A. BROWNING

Jesus in giving His command to His disciples in Matt. 28:19, 20, said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Nowhere in the Bible do we find that He ever changed it and the promise is to those who will obey and teach others to observe the things He commanded, not what someone else said.

It is no wonder Jesus taught His disciples to be on the lookout, and to take heed that no one would deceive them. The Bible tells us that seducing spirits would wax worse and worse and iniquity should abound and the love of many would wax cold. It certainly behooves the children of God to be on guard concerning these false teachers. "Take heed, watch and pray." There is no other place in the whole Bible that has any more significance of our present day, than these words of warning uttered here by our Lord and recorded by St. Mark.

In Matthew 24:3 His disciples had asked Him three very important questions. Jesus had just expressed or uttered a prophecy concerning the fall of the Roman Empire and the destruction of the temple, but they went beyond this prophecy with their questions, by asking Him when this would come to pass, also His coming and the end of the world.

The next words from Jesus, after being questioned about His prophecy, were, "Take heed that no man deceive you, for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ and shall deceive many." He goes on to describe the condition of the world as most everybody can see it today, with wars, and rumors of wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes in divers places, perplexities of all nations, and men's hearts failing them for fear of the things that are coming upon them. Jesus says, "All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you." We read of the afflictions of the Jews in the foreign countries, and understand in part that some of this prophecy is being fulfilled now.

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved," so you see it is the ones who endure who have the assurance of the blessings of heaven. Watch and pray, watch where you go, what you do, and what you say. You

shall give account in the day of judgment of every idle word that you say. Matt. 12:37, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." James 3:2, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man." Watch also the signs of the times. Matt. 24:32, "When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh." When we see these things prophesied concerning the end coming to pass we had better take warning and be ready, for Matthew 24:37 says, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

I wonder if we see any of these signs which denote our Lord's returning? Eating and drinking, do we see any of that going on? Yes, I'm sure you do, on every hand, and in every nook, on the highways, and in the homes. There are all kinds of pleasures; people must be entertained, and they are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Self comes first, me second, and if any left, I want it. This is the attitude of people today.

So many in the world today are suffering and need care and comfort of shelter and food, many need a mother or father's love, and most of all the precious love of Jesus, yet souls are dying in want and despair, while the world continues to frolic and have fun, dashing into an eternity not thinking of what their future will bring.

Marrying and giving in marriage, do you see this sign today? Just a few days ago I noticed in a weekly newspaper two columns of names of those who had obtained license to wed, the ages given ranged from 14 years to 72 years. You might say, "What do the ages have to do with it?" It is just a sign of the times, the older ones are marrying and the younger ones are being "given in marriage." People are going on so unconcerned, as though there never would be an end, but I declare the end of this present age is nearer than most people will admit, though they are discouraged in many of their undertakings and, as we quoted before, men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things that are coming upon the earth.

Of the exact time no one knows; not even Jesus Himself, nor the angels in heaven. The Father only knows the day and the hour, but He has signs for us to be guided by. If we watch His signs and heed His warning, we will be likened unto the five wise virgins—we'll be prepared when He does come.

He is coming as sure as we live, for I see it by the eye of faith and by the

signs all around us. There is a catastrophe at hand, for after His coming the great tribulation begins.

In the 34th verse He says, "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch." Then in St. John 14:3, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." He said He was going, and He's gone, but He also said He'd be with us again, and He's returning in the clouds of glory, to catch away all those that have kept watch and prepared for the journey.

This promise reminds me of an incident concerning my little grandson who is three years of age. One time while visiting us, he pretended to leave and after getting his belongings he started for the door. We expressed grief and regret at his leaving. He saw this and felt it, too, so on getting to the door, he stopped and called back, "I'll be back." He wanted to go yet moved with compassion before his departure he intended to comfort us with these words, "I'll be back."

Jesus says, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me." In other words, don't worry and be sorrowful, "I'll be back." And He would not leave us without a Comforter. His Holy Word tells us to comfort one another with these words. He will be back to gather His people that have been watching and praying and are prepared to take the flight homeward when the signal is given and the last trump is sounded, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. "Watch ye therefore, for we know not the time, at morning, noon, or midnight, when He shall come."

Before His return there shall be other signs that heretofore have not been discussed. These signs will be wrought by the hands of false christs and false prophets. "Signs and wonders," lying wonders the Bible tells us. They will not be real, but will be fakes, yet they will seduce and deceive many. There will be witchcraft, hypnotism, and magics, all of which are the work of the devil, produced by his demons or people who are possessed with demons.

Jesus said: "Take heed." The people of God will know the difference. They have taken heed and listened to His warnings.

During the tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, the moon shall not give her light, and the stars will fall. Only God can take away the beautiful rays of light, because He is the one who created them. No devil, magician, or hypnotist can ever stop their shining.

Only once do we ever read of the sun refusing to shine, and that was upon our suffering Savior when the sacrifice of all sacrifices was offered for the sin of the world. That terrible scene was witnessed by many, and the centurion cried out, "This was a righteous man." This darkness will come again before His return in the clouds of glory, and the heaven and the earth shall quake. If you are here you can look for Him, for every eye shall see Him, and those that pierced Him, everyone, will see Jesus; but only the pure in heart will see God.

My dear friends, take warning and save your souls today. There is coming a day when it will be too late to call on God for His mercies. Remember the rich man, also the five foolish virgins, and the man without the wedding garment. The rich man called from below, after judgment was passed upon him and he was reaping his reward. The foolish virgins were calling from the outside; they hadn't entered yet, they never did and were turned away. The man without the wedding garment was speechless, he was without an excuse. How often we hear folk making excuses, thinking that will justify their neglect, but they are deceiving themselves, for they are without an excuse.

Jesus has commanded the porter to keep watch, and He says, "What I say unto one, I say unto all, Watch." As a minister of the gospel of the Lord Jesus, I am taking heed, and keeping watch; praying night and day not to enter into temptation.

Dear reader, are you ready? Can you meet these things with a smile. If not, there are preparations you had better be making.

I have two sons in the armed forces, and two on defense jobs, all are saved but one, please pray for all of them.

the devil, with the light and help we enjoy from God, how much greater the need of them for our prayers and sympathy. Inducements are offered, calls are made from every direction, "Come this way for pleasure, fun, life; no harm here, be natural." They are ambitious and will more readily yield to what is offered. They are to be the leaders of tomorrow, but in what way?

A Los Angeles judge, who had passed sentence on 14,000 youths, said that a very small percentage of this number had ever entered Sunday School, and declared that the Sunday School was the mightiest force for God in the world. A supreme judge of New York, who has sentenced 8,000, said a very few of this number had ever attended church or Sunday School. He stated that he regarded the Sunday School the only effective means to stem the tide of evil. Society carries its heavy burden today for lack of religious training. In the face of these factors there is a heavy responsibility on us. So to see a change for better conditions, and actually experience a shaking up, every unit in the school must pledge full fighting force, drilled and armed, marching with courage, sounding the alarm loud and long. You can't say, "We are not ready, not equipped, not strong enough," or make any excuse, for if you know God, action only is needed, interest and moving. Count yourself one of the army, fill your place. There's no sex distinction in this drive—all are workers together with God. Even a child can train and instruct. Thousands will follow if we will lead the march.

This little incident will illustrate an easy and successful method that will work wonders if you don't wait too long. A noted judge sentenced to jail a nice looking young man in his teens. A librarian was standing by who knew the boy and what he had always been accustomed to reading, so he pled with the judge to stay the sentence provided that the boy would change his whole course of reading matter for a few weeks. The boy gladly accepted the proposition and it changed his whole course of life.

Atheism covers the earth today and trouble is everywhere because they don't know God. They don't want to know Him. They are educating their child and your child against God and right. It will take greater interest and self-denial to carry over—hindrances will banish and the job will be easier. Many regrets will be forthcoming if we do not do our best. Our enemies educate their spies and saboteurs in our language to carry on their destructive work, but right instruction will win.

Lifting our voice to God will bring an answer much sooner if at the same time we extend our hand to help our neighbor.

... A Responsible Sunday School ...

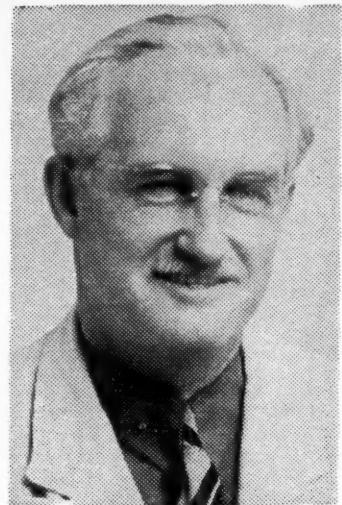
E. L. MOORE

THE Sunday School is what we make it, therefore the responsibility is on us. We are at least partly responsible for the youth of our country. They need and must have Christian training to be able to cope with

the powers of evil of every nature; on every turn they must be instructed. Our children are confronted with much more than you and I were in our childhood and if the older feel the pressure of evil, the world, flesh and

The Gifts of Tongues ... and Interpretation

By J. W. Archer (Mexico)



GOD HAD A PLAN

FROM the following and many similar scriptures on "The Body of Christ," "The Ministry Gifts" set by God in the body, and the "Gifts of the Spirit," it is clearly evident that God had a plan for evangelizing the world.

Luke 7:19-22, "And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? . . . And in that same hour Jesus cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached." THIS IS THE PROOF OF THE GOSPEL.

Matt. 9:36-10:1, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Then said he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power (and authority, Luke 9:1) against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." He gave the same power to His apostles.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Mark 16:15-18, 20, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ("And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28:20.) . . . And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." The message is confirmed with SIGNS.

Heb. 2:4, "God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost according to his own will."

The imaginary story comes to us of the appearance in heaven of Christ, following His ascension. He was met

by numerous angels led by a spokesman, who said,

"Lord Jesus, we welcome your victorious return from your mission in the earth.

"All heaven wept when we gave you up to leave the celestial glories of your home and take the form of man in the midst of filth, sin and squalor of a devil-empowered world.

"Heaven held its breath while the devil sought through earthly government to take your life as a babe. Angels guarded your footsteps through youth. The stars flung back the shouts of joy when you were filled with the Spirit and rebuked the temptings of Satan.

"Angelic eyes followed with joy your ministry of healing and teaching as you fulfilled the will of the Father in earthly ministrations. Heavenly hosts stood ready to your defense as you passed through Gethsemane, and heaven rang with joy because the defense was not needed.

"The universe turned its back in sorrow at the cruel actions and unbelievable sufferings of the cross. Even God hid His face from you as alone, all alone, you bore earth's sins and woes, even unto death.

"And here you are! But Jesus, there is one question we would ask. We heard your last instructions to your apostles and handful of disciples, to go into all the world and preach the gospel, as you did, saving the lost and healing the sick.

"But Lord, look! See—there they are down there on earth now in the upper room.

"There's Peter! a courageous fellow when it comes to a brawl, but afraid of a woman when it comes to testifying in your name.

"There's John. See, he is looking up toward heaven now, with tears in his eyes. How he loved you, Jesus! But after all, it takes something besides love and goodness. There must be courage and fighting spirit!

"Then there is the rest of them. A weak, frail-looking handful, uneducated, no political power, very little faith—and nothing to go on but your verbal testimony. That's the group you left to spread the message of healing and salvation for soul and body to a wicked, vicious, unreceptive world. Lord, what if they should fail?"

The Lord Jesus looked down upon them lovingly, then at the heavenly group. Shaking His head thoughtful-

ly, He answered, "I have no other plan!" No! He has no other plan! But thank God He does have a plan!

EVANGELISM

That plan was and is, to evangelize the world with the message of atonement. To this all churches have agreed. But an inseparable part of the plan was the arresting of the attention of sin-blinded humanity, the awakening of their earth-bound senses to the resurrected life of Christ, through signs and wonders done in confirmation of the preached Word.

This is attested to in the great commission, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel . . . and these signs shall follow . . ." Mark 16:15-18. Philip at Samaria—"And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, HEARING and SEEING the miracles which he did." Acts 8:6. The prayer of the disciples—"And now, Lord, . . . grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak the word, BY STRETCHING FORTH THY HAND TO HEAL; AND THAT SIGNS AND WONDERS MAY BE DONE by the name of thy holy child, Jesus." Acts 4:30, 31.

The prayer confirmed—"And by the hands of the apostles were MANY SIGNS AND WONDERS WROUGHT." Acts 5:12.

"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection." Acts 4:32.

"God also bearing them witness, both with SIGNS and WONDERS, and with DIVERS MIRACLES, and GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST, according to His own will." Heb. 2:4.

Here is evidence of a definite method of operation under the guidance of a Supreme Mind. The plan is God! The method of putting the plan into operation is God! And the One

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Time According to Prophecy

By EVANGELIST ZELLA EARHART

THE CLOCK struck 11 o'clock November 11, 1918. Proof: Isaiah prophesied over 2,600 years ago that Jerusalem would be taken by airplanes. Isa. 31:5. Jerusalem was held by the Arabs. General Allenby, of the British Air Force, came over Jerusalem and when the Arabs saw the planes as large birds flying, and someone said, "Allenby is coming," (the Arabian word for "God" is "Allah") they surrendered without a shot fired or the loss of a life. Seven days later the Armistice was signed, on the eleventh month, eleventh day, at 11 o'clock. God's plan was accomplished and the war was ended. Since then we have been living in the beginning of sorrows. Matt. 24:8. There has been greater famines, pestilences, and earthquakes than ever before 1914. The world has witnessed the worst war, the most destructive earthquake, the most appalling pestilence, the most extensive famine ever known.

The signs of the times are fulfilling swiftly before our eyes. Jesus said when you see these things coming to pass, know that it is near, even at the door. Matt. 24:33. The signs are: 1. Treasures laid up for the last days. 2. Labor trouble, strikes. James 5:4. 3. Knowledge increased. Dan. 12:4. The wonderful invention of the radio, television, electricity, modern machinery. 4. Speed. The rapid transit of Nahum 12:4, the auto, airplanes, trains, and ocean liners. 5. Talking peace and preparing for war. Micah 4:1-3; Joel 3:9, 10. 6. Calamities, earthquakes, famines, pestilence, fearful sights. Luke 21:11. Hurricanes, floods, tidal waves, tornadoes, dust storms, droughts, heat waves. 7. Distress of nations. There is distress all over the world today. Luke 21:25. 8. Men's hearts failing them for fear. Luke 21:20. There are more suicides and people dying from heart trouble than ever before. 9. Immorality. 2 Tim. 3:15. 10. Love waxing cold. Matt. 24:12. 11. A great falling away. 2 Thess. 2:3. Saints backsliding, empty churches. 12. Scoffers. 2 Peter 2:3, 4. 13. The gospel preached to every nation. Matt. 24:14. At the end of 1937 the gospel had been preached in 714 languages, in 385 countries and islands. 14. The parable of the fig tree. Mark 13:28, 29. The Jew is God's timepiece and they are returning to Palestine by the hundreds, through persecution, and they are making plans to build their temples. 15. The Roman Empire will be revived. Dan. 2. Image with legs and feet of iron and clay. Dan. 7. The fourth beast with ten horns and iron teeth was Rome. Rev. 13. John looking back saw Rome, the first beast, with seven

heads and ten horns. One head was wounded unto death and healed. The Roman Empire has declined but will be healed and revived and the antichrist will come out of the Roman Empire. The war today is reviving the Roman Empire. We see it before our eyes and when God's plan is accomplished, like the first World War, this war will cease.

Christ will appear in the sky like a great magnet and the rapture will take place. The dead in Christ will rise first and we that are alive and remain will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thess. 4:13-18. It will happen in the twinkling of an eye. 1 Cor. 15:42. The Holy Ghost will be taken out of the world when the rapture takes place. 2 Thess. 2:7. Then the antichrist, the man of sin, will be revealed, 2 Thess. 2:3, and the great tribulation will begin. Matt. 24:21. The antichrist will make a covenant with the Jews for seven years and break it in three and a half years. Dan. 9:27. Then he will exalt himself above God and will sit upon the throne as God, showing himself as God. 2 Thess. 2:4. There will be a great image made and he will cause the people to worship it and all that will not worship it will be killed. Rev. 13:14, 15. He will compel every one to take the mark of the beast, which is not a national mark but a universal mark. It is the number of a man and his number is 666. Rev. 13:18. The seven seals will be broken. Rev. 6, 7, 8. The seven trumpets sound. Rev. 8:6-11:15. The seven plagues. Rev. 15. The seven vials. Rev. 16. Hailstones will fall the size of a talent, ninety pounds. The Battle of Armageddon will be fought. Rev. 16:16, in the Valley of Jehoshaphat or Megiddo, northeast of Jerusalem. Joel 3:2; Zech. 14:2. The battle will be so great the blood will run to the horses' bridles for 180 miles. Rev. 14:20. The Lord will literally return with ten thousand of His saints. Luke 1:14. His feet will rest on the mount of Olives from where He ascended. Acts 1:11. The mount will split and half will go to the north and half to the south. Zech. 14:4; Rev. 16:20. The antichrist and false prophets will be thrown into the lake of fire. Rev. 19:20. Satan will be bound and thrown into the bottomless pit for 1,000 years. Rev. 20. The earth will be cleansed and there will be no more war. Isa. 2:4. The return of Christ is mentioned 318 times in 260 chapters in the Bible. The word "millennium" is not mentioned in the Bible but it means 1,000 years. One thousand years is mentioned six times in Rev. 20. There are two general resurrections. The first takes place at

the rapture when the just or dead in Christ will be raised. The second takes place at the end of the millennial reign of 1,000 years, when the white throne judgment will be set up and the wicked dead will be raised. Rev. 20. When Christ comes back to earth He will sit upon the throne of His father David, Luke 1:32, and we the saints shall be kings and priests and shall reign on the earth, Rev. 5:10, with Christ a thousand years. Rev. 20:4. After the white throne judgment death and hell and whosoever is not found in the book of life are cast into the lake of fire. A new heaven and new earth are created, Isa. 65:17; Rev. 21:1, where dwelleth righteousness for ever and ever.

The Soul of Man

By MATTIE AMOS

Gen. 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

WHEN the last trumpet sounds and the clangor of that trumpet has died away in the silence of eternity, and when ages as numerous as the stars of heaven added to the sands of the sea and multiplied by the leaves of every tree on earth shall have passed away, the soul will still exist somewhere. The redeemed soul in his dying hour will be rejoicing in God's love. Because he has attended to the interest of his soul he can say, "I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day." He can praise God in his dying hour because his soul is safe and has been washed in the blood of the Lamb of God and made pure—ready for the mansion not made with hands, there to be glorified forever. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them into living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes," Rev. 7:16, 17.

Revival

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Fla. — We thank the Lord for the revival just closed here. Brother H. O. Harris, of Benton, Ill., did the preaching. We feel that our church was blessed by his bringing those good soul-stirring messages. Eight or ten were saved, a number sanctified and four or five filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us to stand true and be faithful till Jesus comes.—A. W. Johns.

Where Are Thine Affections?

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Text: Luke 10:39, 40, "Mary . . . sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving."

Jesus and His disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. They had come from the province of Galilee in the northern region of Palestine, through Samaria, the central province, and to Judea. They were on their way to attend the Feast of Dedication. They approached the city from the east but before entering they stopped at a little village called Bethany. This little village, located on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, was a place that Jesus loved. The name of this place is forever interwoven in the tapestry of the gospel narrative. This little town was the home of some of the dearest friends of Jesus of Nazareth—Mary, Martha, and Lazarus—a home where He was often a welcome and beloved guest. Recent visitors to Palestine tell us that today Bethany is a small Arabic village, not overly clean, with poverty-stricken, tumbledown homes. In New Testament times, however, Bethany must have been a charming village, sequestered, cozy, and attractive. There was the home of a family in seemingly easy circumstances, whose hospitality provided a haven of refuge for Jesus, a place where He could relax and rejoice, a place of privacy from the throngs of hungry souls and broken bodies who followed Him everywhere, and from the angry mobs who constantly dogged His footsteps.

Let us look a little more closely at this home. There were two sisters and a brother. We always think of Martha as the head of the house. She was capable, efficient, and forehanded, took pride in the meals that she served. Martha was busy and hurried, serving this friend divine. Her heart was upon serving, to have a very sumptuous and splendid entertainment according to the fashion of the day. Her time was taken up with cleaning the cups and platters, and bringing in the bread and the wine. She was careful, anxious and fretting in thought and even in her words. She had no time to be learning for she was busy "serving" the Lord. Martha was "cumbered with much serving." Martha was "troubled about things"—those "things" that would perish and pass with using; she had lost her sensitiveness to spiritual influences and impulses.

Mary's affections, however, were different. Her place in the gospel narrative is lofty and luminous, and certainly for good reasons. Jesus always seemed conscious of His great mission to preach

the gospel and though perhaps He was seeking quietude and rest, He was even willing and eager to preach and teach those who were desirous of listening and learning. It seemed to matter little whether His audience was just one or a great multitude. This opportunity, this gift placed in the hands of Mary, she would use and not cast aside. She solemnly took her place at the feet of Jesus and listened to His words. Mary was quiet and peaceful, learning to love and to live. She was hearing the Master's precepts and letting Him give to her of His eternal riches. She seemed to sense and hunger for the reality of Paul's exhortation: Phil. 5:2, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." What better place than at the feet of Jesus could she find to satisfy such a desire?

This brief episode in the lives of the two sisters of Bethany, recorded in Luke 10:38-42, constitutes one of the shortest short stories in literature. There are but five verses, only 114 words, yet the story is complete. Truly these words were inspired, the work of the Great Artist, God Himself. It is as though an accomplished painter with a few sure, strong strokes of his brush dipped in vivid colors, painted this picture upon our minds. Martha was the victim of things; it happened in Bethany and it is happening everywhere today. Things: pots, pans, books, lessons, customs, clothes, talk, houses, lands, money and friends, have become masters instead of servants to man, ever forgetting the words of Jesus, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. Our world is troubled about many things, darkening shadows fall thick and fast about us. But mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, tossing on an endless sea of worry and care, there is a refuge for your troubled soul. Jesus waits with outstretched arms to welcome all who will come to Him, sit at His feet and listen to His words. Can you hear once again those blessed words of comfort, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Matt. 11:28? words that have echoed and re-echoed down through the centuries with the same warmth with which they were first spoken. They were indeed words of good news and glad tidings—the charter of Christian comfort. Sad and lonely men and women wistfully waiting for a word of hope in the hard places of life during twenty centuries have sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to His words with glad surprise

and joyous acceptance. This place of refuge has lighted bright tapers in untold millions of darkened hearts. He offers rest—not ease or a hallowed feeling that may come over one in church, but repose of a heart set deep in God because he has been with Jesus.

Do we labor with serving, striving to possess "things," and toil for that which perishes, neglecting the one thing needful? or have we chosen that good part which shall not be taken from us? Does not the voice of Jesus gently chiding, "Martha, Martha," chide us, too? It should and it will if we are sensitive to spiritual influences, impulses, and aspirations. "Things" matter little; what happens to us is not so important as how we conduct ourselves when it happens. Service is good when He asks it and labor has its place, but there is one thing better—sitting at His feet. There is the place He can prepare us for service. There is so much He would tell us, truths that are precious and deep, that we can keep and treasure in our hearts and minds, yet give lavishly away in being a blessing to others.

The Good Samaritan

By HARDING G. MUSHEGAN

Luke 10:25.

IN this scripture we see a lawyer full of self-pride and self-sufficiency. He approached the Master, who is all wisdom and all light, and he approached Him in a sarcastic way to entangle Him in His words. He said, "Master (teacher), what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And the Lord said, "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" The lawyer answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." Here the lawyer spoke more or less as though he were an authority on the Word of God. He was a man who had knowledge but no love, and knowledge of the Word of God without love is as a sounding brass or tinkling cymbal. He had faith but he did not have works, and faith without works is not of God.

We see the lawyer wanting to know who his neighbor was. The Lord did not tell him who his neighbor was but how he could be a neighbor to the other fellow. He turned it around on him and gave him this beautiful story of a man traveling on the highway from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell among thieves. He tells what the thieves did to him. They stripped him

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Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they should be signed.

Pray For

Me to be healed, I have been sick almost four weeks with severe cold in my lungs.—Mabel Hutton, Rt. 1, Reisterstown, Md.

My sister to be healed of strep throat.—Mrs. W. D. McGlashan, Jennings, Fla.

God to heal my body.—Mrs. Lula Harris, 1135 Olympia Ave., Columbia, S. C.

The Lord to heal my blind eyes, I am trusting God completely for my healing.—Mrs. Amanda Roberts, 206 Grand St., Lenoir City, Tenn.

God to undertake for my home; my brother; my mother's eye to be healed.—Mrs. B. Rude, Harrisburg, Ill.

God to undertake for my brothers and father; my wife.—Pvt. Charles L. Belba, 35596778, Co. C. 756 Railway Shop Bn., N.O.S.A., New Orleans, La.

The healing of our loved ones who are sick.—Lois Best, Rt. 1, Milan, Ga.

God to heal and strengthen my sick afflicted body.—Mrs. D. F. Ogden, Odum, Ga.

The healing of Sister Mays, Matakoa, W. Va.—Rev. J. C. Pinion, Switzer, W. Va.

The Lord to heal my body, I am in the hospital, also that He will undertake for me for a special request.—Pvt. Ellis Pierce, Co. B, 23rd Bn., O.T.C., Camp Santa Anita, Arcadia, Calif.

God to heal my burned hands and help me to stand true to Him.—Pvt. Woodrow W. Rawls, Btry. C., 325th F. A. Bn., A.S.N., 38336331, Camp Howze, Texas.

The Lord to keep me and help me to stand true, the army is a hard life and I see some hard trials so I need your prayers. I will also appreciate letters. My membership is at East Bernstadt, Ky., Church of God.—Pvt. James A. Hicks, Co. C., 80th Armd. Med. Bn., 10th Armd. Div. APO 260, Fort Benning, Ga.

A very urgent unspoken request.—Eva Wilson, Princeton, W. Va.

The Lord to heal my daughter; my family.—Mrs. A. M. Marlin, Cave City, Ark.

The Lord to heal me of high blood pressure and dropsy.—John Haupt, 1807 Rubio St., East Chattanooga, Tenn.

God to answer an urgent request.—A friend in need of prayer, Natchez, Miss.

The healing of my neighbor who is in the hospital.—Gertrude Palmer, Rt. 1, White Gate, Va.

My aunt, Angeline Cross, age eighty-two years, to be raised from the sickbed and fully established in the Lord; Mrs. Betty Wall, Box 1, Lexington, N. C., to be saved and healed; my younger son, Lionel Wall, to be healed; my head and body to be healed.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

My mother to be healed of cancer and saved; my husband; me.—Mrs. Magdalene Vance, Roderfield, W. Va.

The healing of my little son who is very sick with flu; healing of my body; unspoken request.—Mrs. M. S. Mitchell, Box 47, Hiawasse, Ga.

God to heal my husband of head trouble; me to be healed of a serious trouble in my body.—Mrs. Clifton Bynum, Rt. 1, Eden, Ala.

My children who are sick.—Evowne Perry, Homerville, Ga.

The healing of my boy who has a severe cough; urgent request.—Mrs. O. G. Hance, 1829 Bennett St., Jacksonville, Fla.

My healing, I have been down a week with something like lumbago in my back; my husband who has been in bad health since October.—Mrs. B. A. Meeks, 131 Aycock St., Carrollton, Ga.

My fingers to be healed; my children.—Mrs. Rilla Goodrum, Rt. 2, Pocahtontas, Tenn.

The healing of my body; my husband.—Mrs. Charlie Mills, 1005 Olive St., Decatur, Ala.

My daddy, W. P. Grimes, who is in a very serious condition with heart trouble.—Flora Grimes, Austinville, Va.

The healing of my little boy's body.—Mrs. Bertha Carter.

The healing of my hands of a breaking out.—Ruby Barton, Talladega, Ala.

The healing of Brother and Sister McCawley's baby.—Mrs. E. W. Carden, Louisville, Ky.

My body to be healed, if it is the Lord's will.—Minnie Lee Coker, Box 15, Boylston, Ala.

My father, who is in a serious condition, to be healed and satisfied in his soul; my sister who has lost her mind; my brother.—Nancy Snider, Lenoir City, Tenn.

The healing of my body of flu.—William F. Mooney, Rt. 4, Box 104, Galax, Va.

My healing, I am suffering very much, my head hurts until I can hardly endure it.—P. W. Hackney, Rt. 2, Blountsville, Ala.

The healing of Mrs. Talbert.—Mrs. Cora Murray, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

Me to be healed of lung trouble; my little girl who has something wrong with her side and head.—Lillie Boswell, R.F.D. 1, Heflin, Ala.

My healing; a burden to be removed that is almost more than I can bear.—Mrs. R. C. Burton, Rt. 4, Anderson, S. C.

The Good Samaritan

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of all that he had, wounded him and left him half dead by the highway. I want you to take note that he was half dead, all but passing out. He was helpless and could not arise any more. He was down, in other words. A Levite came along, but passed on by. (I am not commenting on that.) Then a priest passed by. (Neither am I commenting on his standing in the service of the Lord.) At last a good Samaritan came along and poured oil and wine into his wounds; but that was not sufficient, the poor man needed some other aid, so the good Samaritan picked him up, put him on his own beast and journeyed to the inn with him. There he stayed a night with him and when he was ready to leave the next morning he paid the fare for his lodging and care and then said to the host, "When I return, if there is any other charge against this man, I will take care of it," meaning he would return and look after the victim. He wasn't going to forsake him and say, "I have done my duty. I have done more than the Levite and the priest. I am not coming back any more." But he said, "When I come again, or come this way once more, I will stop and if he owes anything more I assure you that you will be paid."

"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?" The lawyer said to the Master, "He that shewed mercy on him." Then the Lord said to him, "Go thou and do likewise."

REPORTS

Ravenna, Ky., District Sunday School and Y.P.E. Rally

The Ravenna district Sunday School and Y.P.E. rally which convened at Winchester, Ky., was one long to be remembered. The power of the Holy Ghost was present from the start to the finish. Among the fine musical selections rendered were selections by the Rogers string trio.

On Saturday night Rev. J. T. Pitts, our state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, delivered the message, which was inspiring. A wonderful altar service followed, one backslider being reclaimed and many blessed.

Sunday morning Rev. W. J. Milligan, our state overseer, delivered the message. The Lord blessed in a great way and many hearts were greatly touched. The orphanage offering amounted to \$355.13, three times as much as was given last year, the increase being \$245.38. We surely praise the Lord for this fine offering.

We also thank the Lord for Brother Milligan and Brother Pitts. We appreciate the good work they are doing in Kentucky.—Mrs. Ed Denham, rally clerk.

MINOT, N. Dak.—We are glad to send forth a word of praise to our blessed Redeemer from the Church of God at Minot, N. Dak. For the past while Brother William F. Dyche has been with us and the Lord has been blessing His ministry to our hearts. We praise the Lord for the victory cottage prayer meetings. Frank Fox, our Indian brother, prayed through to victory in the prayer meeting on February 5, for which we are all praising God and rejoicing with him. Pray with us for a greater outpouring of God's Spirit in our midst.—Mrs. Richard Benson.

All Departments Working

SHERMAN, Texas—In the early part of November a church was set in order here in Sherman, the church and its entire membership being transferred from Gunter, Texas, to this place, bringing the pastor, H. L. Simms, and family. Brother Simms began a revival, which ran for several nights. We have received several transfers and now our church is going fine. We have all the departments working—Sunday School, Y.P.E. and Willing Workers. Everyone is busy and you can look out for the church here to grow and prosper.

To those who are interested, this is a good place to locate. Sherman, with about twenty thousand people, has many factories and industries. Employment in or near-by is certain.

Good schools, water, civic improvements of all kinds are noted. Come to Sherman and work with us. Write to me if you are a Church of God member and desire information about the town or church here. Our pastor, Brother H. L. Simms, 716 E. Houston, Sherman, Texas, will also welcome letters. The Church of God is located at Odneal and Gribble.—Victor Hamner, clerk, 211 N. Andrews, Sherman, Texas.

Church Freed of Debt

COCOANUT GROVE, Fla.—In the year of 1926 the storm blew the church down; Brother Gary financed and rebuilt the church, and in later years the church paid him back his money. In the year 1942 a debt of \$965 had accumulated against the church. This we have just paid off, by Brother Gary giving us six one hundred dollar bills on the debt. The church at Coconut Grove thanks Brother Gary and appreciates so much the way God has used him in helping with the finance of the church. He will be missed by the church when God calls him home.—C. W. Collins.

Willing Workers Faithful

CANTWELL, Mo.—The Ladies' Willing Workers at Cantwell were again victorious and went over the top in a financial way, under the leadership and help of our dear Sisters Bane and Victoria Weible and with the ceaseless and untiring efforts of our good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Barnett, who helped in several ways. The final outcome of the sale was \$27.58. If there's work to do the women will always do it.—Cantwell reporter, Leavah M. Prather.

The Lord Has Been Good to Us

CRAB ORCHARD, Ky.—I praise the Lord that about six years ago He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him because He healed my baby when he was having spasms.

I praise the Lord for the Church of God at Harmons Lick, because we have gone over the top this year with our program, all but our mission quota and by the help of the Lord we will go over on it. The Lord has been so good to us. I praise Him for our pastor, Brother G. F. Crank, and his family, of New Castle, Ind. I praise the Lord for our Y.P.E. It was organized Jan. 10, 1943.

Pray for us and our church and Y.P.E., that we will be a blessing to lost souls. Also pray for my husband to be healed, he is our Y.P.E. president.—Mrs. John Adams, Rt. 2.

REVIVALS

VANCEBURG, Ky.—We truly praise God for the two weeks' revival here at Vanceburg, which came to a close February 6. Rev. Roy Dagnan, our district overseer, did the preaching. Two were saved. We love Brother Dagnan and our faithful pastor, Rev. Ralph Scaggs. We mean to stand by him and put the program over. Our church feels encouraged to press on. We have some good Church of God material here. We desire your prayers.—Charlie Applegate, clerk.

BIG STONE GAP, Va. — We have just closed a two weeks' revival here. The Lord wonderfully blessed with His mighty power. Seventeen were saved, ten sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. The work is going fine here and we are looking forward to greater things. Brother John Adair, our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, did the preaching. He is a great worker and preacher for the Lord. Remember us when you pray.—Bessie Puckett, pastor.

HODGENVILLE, Ky.—The Church of God here has just closed a five weeks' revival with Evangelist G. R. Morris and wife. We thank God for victory over sin and the devil. Our church is on the mountain top for God. Praise His good name. God surely worked in this meeting. Seven were saved, six sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. The revival came to a close Sunday, February 14, with the Lord's supper and feet washing. Pray for the work here.—Evangelist G. R. Morris and wife.

MT. VERNON, Ill. — We have just closed a wonderful revival at the Church of God at Mt. Vernon with Rev. Oliver Cecil and his singer, Virgil Walls. Sixteen were saved, nine sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. The old time power was surely felt in every service, which made us think of old times. The church was built up and is on the upward move. We have a nice group of young people since the revival. Brother Cecil is a wonderful evangelist. We surely thank the Lord for what He did for us in Mt. Vernon. Pray for us.—Mrs. Mary Fritz.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The Church of God at Charleston, S. C., recently closed a revival with seven saved, five sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Morris Lee did the preaching. We thank the Lord for them; they were a blessing to both young and old. Pray that the Church of God on King Street will be a great light in Charleston to lead souls to Jesus. We thank the Lord for

our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister R. R. Walker.—Mrs. Phil. E. Stephenson, Box 499, Navy Yard P. O.

HARLAN, Ky.—I am glad to report the ending of a very successful revival at High Banks school, Baxter, Ky. The revival ran three weeks. During that time twenty were saved and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother George Carr was the evangelist, Brother Shelby Michael, pastor, in charge or attendant. We do not have a regular church at Baxter but have Y.P.E. and Sunday School in the High Banks schoolhouse; we are looking forward to a church in the near future. Many have received a blessing during this revival. Pray for us and that the work will go on.—Rev. Shelby Michael.

FREEBURN, Ky.—I thank the Lord for full salvation and His mercy up to the present time. We have just closed a revival with the Leatherberry sisters, which was very good. Some were saved and three were added to the church. They are fine girls and did some good preaching and singing and made good music.

We have a good little church here, some of the best people, or as good as you will find anywhere. We have been here going on two years and have not had a cross yet. We have every kind of doctrine around here but we just sit steady in the boat. We need prayer. We need a good evangelist now. If you are interested and feel God pulling you this way, just put out your fleece like Gideon did and then when you get the answer just come on or write me. We need good music and singing. The harvest is ripe and laborers are few. Let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Oh, brother, sister, let's pray, pray, pray. Souls are worth so much and so many are being lost. Let's pray for the boys on the battlefield; they need our prayers.—Sam Holcomb, Box 3.

SENECA, S. C.—We thank the Lord for a glorious revival He sent in our midst since coming to this place. The revival was conducted by Rev. Walter Skutar. There were many experiences and the church profited much from it. God has been blessing wonderfully ever since by showering down His blessings and baptizing someone with the Holy Ghost in our week-end services.

We are almost over the top with our state mission drive, also have plans for remodeling our church. We thank the Lord for the wonderful band of people here who seem to have the spirit of doing things. Pray that God will continue to bless our efforts in His cause, for we do give Him all the glory and praise.—A. F. Newport, pastor, 36 Gambel St.

TESTIMONIES

From a Soldier

Dear Friends, I need the prayers of each and every one that I may live good until Jesus comes or calls. I praise the Lord for His mercy. I am glad that the Lord saved my lost soul. I have been working for Him for four years and I know that He will take care of me and will lead me safely home some day. I need your prayers and I need more of His love, which will take me home to rest forever.—Pvt. Elmer Sparks, 35 639 749, U. S. Army, Btry. C., 31st CATB, Camp Wallace, Texas.

There Is Strength in Unity

MINOT, N. Dak.—Dear children of God, brothers and sisters in Jesus, greetings in His wonderful name. I feel impressed to write in regard to those who send in requests for prayer. They are sincere and in need of help and it is up to us as Christians to help them in their need. They are calling for help. If I send in for prayer I feel the need of help to offer up a prayer of faith to God in my behalf, so let us all resolve to be more prompt and when we receive our Evangel turn to the request page and read each one and offer up a prayer. We believe where there is unity there is strength.

As I read some of the testimonies in the Evangel recently I wept for joy and praised God, and I am sure others did too. It means as much as the coming back and giving thanks of the Samaritan leper who returned to give thanks to Jesus. Jesus said, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" I believe we fail the Lord when we do not tell others of the wonderful things God does for us. I know I have in the past but I have promised the Lord I will give Him the glory.

I am not writing this because I have a need of healing only, but I have a desire to be a help and blessing and to have a compassion for others. The Lord wonderfully healed me in 1933, on February 22. I was not able to eat anything but soft-boiled eggs, toast and crackers for some months. I asked the Lord to make a way for me to go and be anointed and prayed for, according to James 5:14, which He did. I had been praying about this and the rest did not know anything about it as I did not tell them, as they were all unsaved. The first thing I knew they began talking of going to Ohio for a visit and that would take us right through the town where I felt led to go. We were visiting in Indiana at the time, so on our way back my husband and I stopped off and came back on the train. I did not receive my healing for about a week and a half. At eight o'clock in the morning the pain left me and did not return and I give the Lord all the glory. In two days we started on

our trip home in North Dakota. My husband had pork sandwiches in his lunch and a voice said to me, "You are healed; eat it in the name of the Lord." The enemy was right there, too, and said, "Now you know you will get sick if you eat that." I heard the voice say to me again, "You are healed," and I ate it in the name of the Lord. There was some cake, too, and the devil said, "Now you know you can't eat that"; as sweets were something I had to avoid. Again the Lord spoke to me and told me to eat it in the name of the Lord and, praise the Lord, it never made me sick. I ate anything from then on until two years ago when I began to have attacks again, so I need prayer, but I am trusting the Lord for complete victory. The Lord knows the reason why this affliction came back but I know His promises are true. Praise His name. Please pray for me. I have unsaved loved ones whom I want to be saved before Jesus comes. I praise the Lord for all His blessings to me.—Mrs. W. E. Nimmins, 1019 7th Ave., N. W.

Love the Lord Above All Things

Dear Saints, I am here in Tallahassee, Fla., and there is no Church of God here. The Pentecostal Holiness and the Assemblies of God both have a church here but they do not satisfy me; they do not feed my soul on the deep things of God, but there is one thing they do—they strengthen me in the love of the Church of God. The longer I stay away from the Church of God the more I love and appreciate it. My membership is at Olustee, Fla.

I have been sitting here this morning at 1:15 reading the Evangel and rejoicing in some of the sermons. They are real food to my soul.

In looking over the state paper I find an inactive church listed for this place. Would you be so kind as to furnish me with the names and street addresses of the ones who belong to the church? I would like so much to have some Church of God people to talk with and they could be so much comfort to me, and if I can contact them we could get together and form us a prayer band anyway.

Pray for me when you pray, that I may at all times so live that God will get glory out of my life. Praise His name forever. I love Him above all things.—W. H. Chasm, 1233 N. Bronough St., Tallahassee, Fla.

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Obituaries

GRAVES

Sister Bessie Graves, a precious member of the Richmond Dale, Ohio, Church of God, departed for heaven Jan. 10, 1943. Raising her hands to heaven and saying, "Come on, Jesus," she slipped away.—A friend.

BURGESS

Our beloved Sister Effie Burgess went to be with her Lord Nov. 23, 1942. She was always visiting and tending the needs and praying with the dear ones she ministered unto. Her memory will always linger with us.—Mrs. Geo. Rix, 12½ Benefit St., Worcester, Mass.

SILKWOOD

Sister Ella Silkwood, wife of Aaron T. Silkwood, passed away at Ardmore, Okla., Feb. 8, 1943, age sixty-four years. She was a member of the Ravia, Okla., Church of God.—Mary Pierce, Ravia, Okla.

JONES

Sister Mary Jones passed away Jan. 3, 1943; age seventy odd years. She was a member of the Ravia, Okla., Church of God.—Mary Pierce, Ravia, Okla.

RUNION

Brother Sullivan Runion, a charter member of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Church of God, departed this life to be with

Jesus January 25, 1943; age forty-six years. He took fellowship with the church when it was set in order by our missionary general, Rev. J. H. Ingram, July 20, 1923. He was a faithful member and his sacrifices for the church will be long remembered among the saints.—Pastor, R. J. Staats, Cincinnati, Ohio.

COOK

Jerry Gale Cook, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lansing Cook, was born July 10, 1942, and departed this life January 15, 1943; age six months and four days.—Beulah Browning, Christian, W. Va.

SHEPHERD

Sister Lenora Dedge Shepherd, a faithful member of the Church of God



NORTH DANVILLE, VA., CHURCH LIFTS DEBT—The church in North Danville, Va., was dedicated free of debt February 7, 1943. The picture above shows Rev. W. E. Johnson, state overseer, and Rev. J. G. Houck, pastor, burning the mortgage. Some of the faithful workers who made it possible for us to raise the last \$1,133 are also shown. We decided to put on a drive and in three weeks we raised \$1,222. We thank the Riverside and Dan River Cotton Mill, Inc., for their good offering.

God surely is blessing here. When we came here we saw the need for Sunday School rooms so we got busy and went to work. We underpinned our church with cinder blocks and have three nice cinder block rooms in the basement of the church, and we paid for them as we went. God has helped us in raising more than \$2,300 since October, 1941, for which we give Him the glory. Now we are getting ready to start a revival with Sister Bessie Puckett in charge. Pray that God will give us a great revival.

since June, 1929, departed this life to be with Jesus January 8, 1943. She trusted God for both soul and body until she went out to be with Jesus.—Mrs. H. W. Harvey and Mrs. W. L. Taylor, Alma, Ga.

MAYNARD

Sister Apple Maynard, a member of the Church of God, was born Nov. 30, 1900, and departed this life May 28, 1942; age forty-one years, five months and twenty-eight days.—Mrs. Van D. Browning, Christian, W. Va.

WALKER

Sister Mona Walker, a member of the Church of God, departed this life January 6, 1943. She died in the faith.—Beulah Browning, Christian, W. Va.

Notes From My Letters

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letter to request the prayers of the Church of God, that I will be reclaimed by the Lord and return home safe when the war is over.

I was once an evangelist in the Church but went back in sin. I still believe in Christ and the Church and want to get back. I know God will forgive and answer prayer. So please don't ignore this request but pray for me and all our boys.—From a soldier who needs Jesus, Pvt. William A. Clark, San Francisco, Calif.

Brother and Sister Wood of Colorado and Utah write that the work is going good out there. I give below a paragraph from one of their recent letters:

Last, but not least, we have rented a building in Pueblo and seated it and our Brother Melson is there in charge of a mission work in view of a church later. Brother B. F. Self, lately from Kansas City, has an interesting little Sunday School going at Lime, a little place seven miles out of Pueblo. Our next move is in the making. Very soon we plan to load our few belongings and motor to another certain place, rent a suitable place, move in, put seats and piano and our shingle out in front, and go to work. Yes, we are looking forward to our state convention in Colorado.

TENNESSEE

I am delighted to report to the State Overseer Appointing Board that the Lord Jesus is giving us gracious revivals throughout the State and that the financial support given in our district conventions (both general, Y.P.E. and Sunday School) is doubling and tripling that of last year.

To God, the good ministers and members, I extend thanks.

May we have your prayers for continued success. — Sincerely, J. D. Bright, overseer of Tennessee.

A Note of Praise from Dowling Park, Fla.

I praise God for full and free salvation, for the way He healed me of heart trouble which I had for three and one-half years. I had three doctors to treat me and two of them told me they couldn't do me any good, and one told me to go home and take it easy, that I wasn't going to live long, not over six weeks, or six months at the most.

On Sunday evening my wife and I started to church. We lived three hundred yards from the church. I had to stop three or four times between the church and home and it looked as if I could not live to get there. When we did get there I couldn't speak I was so near gone, so not being saved we did not know what to do. Some of the brothers gathered around me and prayed for me and when I got to where I could speak they asked if I wanted prayer and I told them I did, so the pastor, Brother L. J. Key, and some of the other brethren led me to the altar and prayed for me. In ten minutes I was a healed man. Praise God for it all. I weighed ninety-eight pounds when I was healed the 17th of February, 1941. I was saved the 2nd day of May, 1941. I was sanctified the 15th of July, 1941, and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost the 12th of November, 1941. Now I weigh one hundred thirty-two pounds.

Just a little while back I went to see one of the doctors who told me I couldn't get well and he was surprised to see me looking so well. He asked me what I had done and I told him that I had found the Lord and He had healed me. He said, "Let me see," and he examined me, and said, "Well, that old heart is working as smooth as a silver dollar and is as sound as a heart can be. It is O. K. now." He was so surprised he did not know what to say. I praise God for it all. Oh, He is so wonderful!

I am glad for Jesus and for this salvation and I am going to live for Jesus with His help. Pray for me to grow stronger in the Lord. I am a living testimony for Him.—J. W. Dean, Rt. 5, Box 104, Live Oak, Fla.

Fellowship Meeting

We had a wonderful time in the Lord. Brother Everett is our pastor. We all like Brother Everett fine and think him a great man of God. He has a sweet wife and we do appreciate them both.

Brother Cox, our state overseer, was with us at our fellowship meeting and brought a wonderful message. We were all made to rejoice. Brother Brooks, of Yazoo City, brought the message in the afternoon. Our district pastor, Brother Sharp, was with us; he is a wonderful man of God. He

said many good things. Also, Brother Stanley and his wife, Brother M. C. Cockrell, state Sunday School superintendent, Brother Harvell, and Sister Mary Tidwell were with us. Brother Cockrell made a good talk on Sunday School. We had a wonderful time. God really did bless. We had some real singing. Oh, I can feel something running over me now. Glory to His name. This is from good old Bethel church at Isola, Miss.—Mrs. J. M. Bailey, Rt. 1, Box 24, Isola, Miss.

Praises From Bluefield, Va.

BLUEFIELD, Va. — After reading last week's Evangel I felt led by the Holy Ghost to let other parts of the country know just what God is doing for the church here. Since the Assembly our Sunday School has increased twenty-five per cent on the average. We have gained one hundred fifteen new members. The crowds that attend the regular services are larger. We have wonderful God-sent messages by our good pastor, Rev. W. I. Bass, and it seems that every faithful child of God is revived and encouraged to work harder for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. The devil has done everything he could, it seems, to destroy our church but, praise God, His grace and power is more than a match for the enemy.

We have a good Y.P.E. and a wonderful L.W.W.B. which is the backbone of our church. God is helping us to meet every payment when due or before and we want to testify to the world that we are giving God the glory for everything that has been accomplished here.

At this time we are praying for a God-sent revival, knowing that if God sends a revival there will be a great ingathering of souls. As I write this, my heart is burdened for the sinner. Saints, pray that we will rise and shine and hold the standard of holiness high here at Bluefield, Va.—Mrs. R. E. Asbury, president Junior Y. P. E.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Evangelists Lula B. and Logan Silvers, 1135 S. Pershing St., conducted a meeting for two weeks for us here in the Builders on the Rock church at Southwest and McCarty Streets in December. This was their second meeting for us. They are genuine, loyal Church of God preachers and their messages are backed by the power of the Holy Spirit. God surely did stir our hearts and encourage the church. Some were saved.—Selma Koesling, pastor, 732 Southwest on McCarty St., Indianapolis, Ind.

All of the truth one knows was truth before one knew it, and all of the truth one may learn was truth before one learned it, and it was just as simple to someone else as it now appears.

REWARD FOR FASTING

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At one of our churches in Alabama a good sanctified minister sought the blessing for a long time. One day he decided to fast and pray. He fasted eighty-two hours and the blessed Holy Ghost came in. No, no, I don't mean to say you will have to fast to get God willing to give you the blessing, but some of you, like Paul and Cornelius, will have to fast in order to get self ready to receive. Joel 2, "Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people," cry unto God, saying, "Save thy people, O God." "Joy and gladness is cut off before our face. Let the ministers draw near with weeping. Come, lie all night in the altar, it may be God will be gracious and turn and leave us a blessing."

A certain precious mother talked to her son about his soul, but he would not listen. He cared only for the things of this life. The more she talked to him, the less good it seemed to do. One day she decided to fast and pray for her lost boy. He noticed she didn't eat. He went on his way, wondering about mother, thinking about Jesus, heaven, hell. He became convicted of sin. He came home for dinner but mother didn't eat. Her heart was heavy; she was weak, suffering in body, but her words were weighty on that boy's heart. There were tears in her eyes. He said, "Mother, aren't you going to eat any dinner?" With a broken voice she said, "No, son, mother doesn't want any dinner." He looked up and saw tears running down her wrinkled cheeks. He didn't want any dinner, either; he pushed his plate back, bowed his head on the table. She came and laid her hand gently on his head and said, "Son, I cannot enjoy my food knowing my boy is in sin and lost." This broke his hard heart, making it easy to hear and obey the tender voice of Jesus. A revival broke out in that home and went to the church. By this dear mother's fasting and praying, many souls were saved from a devil's hell. It pays to fast.

THE GIFTS OF TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION

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who does the operating is God! God, working through human instrumentality by the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Rom. 8:26. Here is something which challenges us! Here is that intangible something we have variously termed, "a desire for more faith," a "deeper experience," "more power," a longing to be of greater service to Him we love, etc.; beginning to take tangible, concrete form.

Here we see the yearning hunger of every Christian heart to live the victorious life, offered the privilege of concrete expression in a God-given plan of using us frail humans. He has no other plan! But He has a plan!

How we have striven! How often we have failed! How our hearts have yearned after Christ with a great yearning, and we have longed to reach that place of constant victory and power! Is our yearning in vain? NO! a thousand times no! God has a plan! And His plan operates only through frail, weak human flesh such as you and me!

Are you saved? Then "Tarry until—!" Until you be endued with power from on high! Until you are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire! Fire in the pulpit! Fire in the pew! Fire that consumes the stubbles of our earth-bound ambitions, lusts and desires! Fire that kindles into a flame in our souls and gives our words force and unction, and makes them indeed "sharper than a two edged sword." Fire that lights our innermost being with a heavenly joy and reflects on our faces in a heavenly glow and glory!

Are you baptized with the Holy Spirit and still you feel your place of service has not been found, and your efforts lack power? Look! God has saved you and filled you and, "set you in the church," His body, as a definite part of that body and for a dis-

tinct work of service in that body. Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:27-31; Eph. 4:7, 8, 11, 13.

God hath set us in the church—apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, miracles, gifts of healing, helps, governments, tongues, interpreters, exhorters, givers, rulers, etc. May we all find our place in the body and move forward in unbroken ranks, to the greatest revival triumph the Church has yet known. And to equip us for this work, He has set in the Church the "gifts of the Spirit."

(To be continued)

Contest a Success

VICCO, Ky.—Just a few lines to report victory over the enemy. God is still blessing and the devil is stirred about it.

We just closed an eight weeks' contest in our Y.P.E. in which God certainly blessed. Sister Cuma Dixon and Sister Irene Boyd were the group leaders who worked so faithfully to put this over. Results of the contest were as follows: Cash, \$61.00; Evangel subscriptions, 22; coupons for the orphanage, 1,314; Lighted Pathway subscriptions, 12; State News subscriptions, 30.

We surely appreciate the people here at Vicco, both old and young, and we're going over the top for Jesus and His Church.—J. D. Pitts, pastor.

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